

**OUTREACH**  
**GS-401-11**  
**Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire & Fuels)**  
**Payette National Forest**  
**Central Zone and West Zone**

**Position:** The Payette National Forest will be advertising to fill two permanent Zone Fire Management Specialists (Prescribed Fire & Fuels). The Central Zone position will cover New Meadows and McCall Ranger Districts, with the duty station in New Meadows. The West Zone position will cover Council and Weiser Ranger Districts with the duty station in Weiser. **Please indicate when responding to this outreach notification which duty location you would prefer.**

**Duties:**

The duties of each position include providing expertise to the zones in fuels planning as well as assistance in meeting resource management objectives with prescribed fire, multiple objective wildland fires, and vegetative treatments. This includes the ability to run and interpret a variety of fire, fuels, and smoke modeling programs, the ability to write and review burn plans, and the ability to provide professional expertise in environmental documents. Input into environmental documents may consist of being the fuels specialist on an interdisciplinary team, providing assistance to Zone Fire Management planning, or it may consist of being the Interdisciplinary Team Leader for a complex fuels project. These positions will also lead in the development and implementation of post treatment monitoring. They will take the lead in reporting fuels accomplishments in the FACTS database, coordinating fuels-related treatments with groups within and outside the agency.

Duties include development of fire management plans to achieve resource management objectives. Incumbents will prepare long- and/or short-range plans, such as those for prevention, detection, pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed fire coordination and implementation, and/or fuels management efforts. The duties of these two positions include the design and layout of treatment units utilizing a variety of treatment options including prescribed fire and mechanical treatments. The incumbents must also be able to assist in the implementation of the vegetation treatment projects in the capacity of burn boss or other prescribed fire related qualifications. Duties include performing wildfire suppression support as directed within training and physical capabilities and other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

This position is categorized as a Zone Fire Management Specialist (DFPFM) position in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards (MQS) for this position must be attained by Oct 1, 2013, and thereafter must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the Forest Service FS-FPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the selective placement factors

<http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/standard/electronicver/electronic.htm>.

Applicants must meet all the qualification (Pathway 1: RXB2 & ICT4 or TFLD; Pathway 2: RXB2 & HEB1) and educational requirements, and any selective placement factors described below before a certificate of candidates from this announcement is issued to the selecting

official. Additional information on the qualification requirements for this position are outlined in the Interagency Fire Program Management 401 Supplemental Guide and the OPM Qualification Standards Handbook of General Schedule Positions and are available at [www.opm.gov/qualifications/Standards/group-stds/gs-prof.asp](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/Standards/group-stds/gs-prof.asp). Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fire line is a mandatory requirement.

To express interest in this position, please submit the attached Outreach Response Form for the desired location by the close of business February 8, 2013. For interest in the Central Zone, send forms to Dave Vining (Central Zone FMO) at [dvining@fs.fed.us](mailto:dvining@fs.fed.us) and Kim Pierson (New Meadows District Ranger) at [kpierson@fs.fed.us](mailto:kpierson@fs.fed.us) or Lisa Klinger (McCall District Ranger) at [lklinger@fs.fed.us](mailto:lklinger@fs.fed.us). For interest in the West Zone, send forms to Christian Ramirez (West Zone FMO) at [cramirez@fs.fed.us](mailto:cramirez@fs.fed.us) and Greg Lesch (West Zone District Ranger) at [glesch@fs.fed.us](mailto:glesch@fs.fed.us). A referral list will be requested from an open continuous vacancy announcement on **February 25, 2013**.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

In order to be considered for this position, an applicant must apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov>. You must set up and have a USAJOBS profile. Search/locate the Open and Continuous announcement number **OCR13-401-DFUEL-11DP** or **OCR13-401-DFUEL-11G**. Or use this direct link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/332590500> (for all others) or <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/332590400> (for Current permanent federal employees with competitive status, reinstatement eligibles, persons with disabilities, VEOA/VRA eligibles, certain military spouses, 30% or more disabled veterans, former Peace Corps or VISTA volunteers, CTAP and ICTAP eligibles, and Farm Service Agency permanent employees of county committee). Applicants must indicate New Meadows, ID and/or Weiser, ID as their desired location. Complete and submit your application prior to **February 25, 2013**.

### **Location Information:**

The Payette National Forest spans 2.3 million acres of rugged, timbered and remote land in west-central Idaho, and is bordered by two of the deepest canyons in North America—the Salmon River Canyon on the north and the Hells Canyon of the Snake River on the west. The topography is characterized by rough mountains, deep canyons, mountain meadows, rivers and streams, high mountain lakes, and wilderness. One can easily access hot, desert-like areas as well as heavily-forested alpine regions through an extensive system of Forest roads and trails. The Forest has five ranger districts that offer a wealth of year-round recreation and tourism opportunities. The Supervisor's Office and McCall District offices are located in McCall, ID, with New Meadows 11 miles to the west. Council and Weiser Ranger Districts are located along Highway 95, approximately 25 and 75 miles south of New Meadows (respectively).

### **New Meadows/McCall Community Information:**

**McCall**, located in Valley County is 100 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55. The primary employment base is comprised of the recreation industry and government agencies. At an elevation of 5,000 feet, the town is located on the south shore of beautiful glacier-formed Payette Lake. As a resort and second home destination area the population increases from 2,700 in the winter to 10,000 in the summer. McCall is a popular destination for tourists, summer homeowners, and summer and winter recreationists. Snow falls November through April. The total annual snowfall average is ten feet, but less than five feet remains on the ground at any given time.

All of the usual services are available in McCall, including a 12 bed hospital, 11 local physicians, regular visiting specialists from Boise, physical, occupational and speech therapies,

two eye clinics, and four dental offices. Public schools include elementary, middle school (6th-8th), and high school. Most extracurricular activities are included through the school system.

**New Meadows** has a population of 600 and is located in Adams County. The town is at an elevation of 3,800 feet. Rainfall averages 26 inches annually. Temperatures vary from an average low of seven degrees in January to an average high of 84 degrees in July. New Meadows has a grocery store, two service stations, several restaurants, motels, a new library, a medical clinic, a combined antique shop/espresso bar, a post office, and a lumber store. Meadow Creek Golf course is located close to town. New Meadows is approximately 11 miles from the town of McCall. Modest home in the area can be purchased for \$150,000 and up, rentals are \$600-\$1200 per month.

Recreational opportunities are numerous in the McCall/New Meadows Area. Popular activities during the summer and fall include hiking, camping, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, motor biking, 4-wheeling, golf, tennis, sailing, motor boating, water skiing, canoeing, whitewater kayaking and rafting, fishing, and hunting. Ponderosa State Park, adjacent to McCall, provides public access to nature trails, groomed Nordic ski trails, swimming beaches, campsites, interpretive programs and a visitor's center. The Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness are located nearby. During the winter months, recreational opportunities include skiing, hockey and snowmobiling. Brundage Mountain Ski Area (located 9 miles from town) and The Little Ski Hill, located five minutes from McCall (known for its youth ski programs and Nordic skiing) offer alpine skiing and snowboarding. There are four locations in the area that offer groomed trails for Nordic and skate skiing. Snowmobiling throughout the local and backcountry area is one of the largest and fastest growing winter activities. McCall is rated the number two snowmobile destination in Idaho and is famous for its winter carnival and snow sculpture contest.

### **Weiser Community Information:**

Weiser is a community of approximately 5500 people located in the lower Treasure Valley. Elk, Mule deer, Turkeys, Pheasants, Chukars and Grouse are abundant. Hunting is excellent. Other recreation opportunities in the surrounding area include skiing, boating, golf, recreational sports, Roadless use, riding, fishing, four-wheeling and rodeos. The spectacular Hells Canyon Recreation Area is adjacent to the West Zone. Long warm summers and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from mid-December through February. The elevation in Weiser is 2100 feet. Elevations on the District range from 1700 to 9000 feet.

Weiser is a county seat and has one grocery store, modern schools (Pre school-12), hardware stores and many other small businesses. Medical services include a hospital, nursing homes, doctors' offices, dental offices and Life Flight. Weiser supports 15 churches. Cable television and Internet service are available in Weiser. The housing supply around Weiser is abundant, but prices are reasonable with 2-3 bedroom homes ranging from \$100,000 to \$125,000 and up. A rental homes are available from \$450 and up. Weiser is about 20 miles from Ontario, Oregon and 80 miles from Boise. These cities offer excellent shopping, entertainment, restaurants, and other services. For more information please visit:

[http://www.weiserchamber.com/comm\\_organizations.htm](http://www.weiserchamber.com/comm_organizations.htm)

**Additional Information:** For additional information about the position, please contact:

Dave Vining (Central Zone FMO) at (208) 347-0310, email [dvining@fs.fed.us](mailto:dvining@fs.fed.us).

Kim Pierson (New Meadows District Ranger) at (208) 347-0301, email [kpierson@fs.fed.us](mailto:kpierson@fs.fed.us).

Lisa Klinger (McCall District Ranger) at (208) 634-0401, email [lklinger@fs.fed.us](mailto:lklinger@fs.fed.us).

Christian Ramirez (West Zone FMO) at (208) 549-4210, email [cramirez@fs.fed.us](mailto:cramirez@fs.fed.us)  
Greg Lesch (West Zone District Ranger) at (208) 253-0101, email [glesch@fs.fed.us](mailto:glesch@fs.fed.us). All Forest Service vacancy announcements are posted on the Forest Service Summary at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

DUE DATE: February 8, 2013

**PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST  
OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**VOLUNTARY RESPONSE – This is not an application to any  
current vacancies**

**To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a double click and select check in box that appears. Type entries in other fields.**

**Position Identification**

**Position Title:** Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire & Fuels)  
**Series/Grade:** GS-401-11  
**Location:** R4, PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST, CENTRAL OR WEST ZONE, NEW MEADOWS OR COUNCIL, ID

**Applicant Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Title, Series, Grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Organization/Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Appointment:** ☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Term ☐ Not Current Employee  
If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:  
☐ Reinstatement ☐ Person With Disabilities  
☐ Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable ☐ Former Peace Corps Volunteer  
☐ Disability ☐ Demonstration Project (external  
☐ Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 recruitment from the general public)  
☐ Other

**Position Interest**

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.  
☐ Series currently identified and classified  
☐ Other appropriate series for which I am qualified  
I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.  
☐ Target grade level currently identified.  
☐ Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)  
I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified (**Identified location in RED**)  
☐ New Meadows, ID – Central Zone  
☐ Weiser, ID – West Zone

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- ☐ Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
- ☐ NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity
- ☐ Term Appointment

**Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:**

**Please send this completed form to the appropriate FMO and District Ranger(s).**